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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1770**
Kenichiro SUETSUGU et al. : Docket No. 2001_0307A
Serial No. 09/805,153 : Group Art Unit 1725
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

Please replace the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.